| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15. | Maharashra | 8,385,065 | 9,721,167 | 15.93 |
| 16. | Manipur | 216,623 | 296,211 | 36.74 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 289,692 | 485,980 | 67.76 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 96,626 | 94,042 | -2.67 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 97,335 | 173,598 | 78.35 |
| 20. | Orissa | 4,004,353 | 4,631,826 | 15.67 |
| 21. | Punjab | 1,766,396 | 1,559,682 | -11.70 |
| 22, | Rajasthan | 4,119,792 | 7,678,153 | 86.37 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 62,122 | 76,828 | 23.67 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 7,447,642 | 5,529,945 | -25.75 |
| 25. | Tripura | 467,075 | 453,854 | -2.83 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 13,129,698 | 16,374,892 1 | 30.71 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal* | — | 787,193 J | |
| 28. | West Bengal | 7,840,201 | 9,474,238 | 20.84 |
| | INDIA | 89,649,038 | 103,650,113 | 15.62 |

* Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal came into existence w.e.f. November, 2000.

\# Not implementing the programme since 1998-99.

**Vocational programme at the undergraduate level**

439. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient points of the UGC proposal to "recast the vocationalisation programme at the undergraduate level under a modified scheme of career orientation programme" under which colleges and universities will be allowed to run certificate/diploma/advanced diploma programmes parallel to conventional courses;

(b) whether any model courses have been structured to be the guiding factor for colleges/universities to frame their courses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the salient points of the vocationalisation of Education Programme, which is termed as Career Oriented Programme during the Tenth Plan, are as under:-

(i) The objective of the Programme is to introduced career and market oriented, skill enhancing, add-on courses that have utility for job, self-employment and empowerment of students.

(ii) It will be in the form of Certificate/Diploma/Advanced Diploma which a student may opt parallel to their conventional B.A./B.Sc./ B.Com. Programme.

(iii) Under the Programme, the assistance will be available to the tune of Rs. 5 lakhs as one time "Seed Money" for five years in the Humanities and Commerce streams and Rs. 7 lakhs for five years for Science streams.

(iv) Apart from the teachers/staff members, guest faculty could be drawn from training and professional institutions and from production related establishments, for the purpose of teaching these subjects. Individuals having expertise in the discipline may also serve as guest faculty.

(b) UGC has not provided any model courses. It has been left to the Universities/Colleges to identify their own 'need based' Career Oriented Courses.

(c) Does not arise.

**Agro-based vocational training courses at higher secondary level**

440. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning to introduce agro-based vocational training courses at the higher secondary school level;

(b) whether students can acquire certificates of skill in different agro-vocations like crop husbandry, animal husbandry, horticulture and dairying, regardless of their formal high school education; and